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1                   Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

2                   Claims 1-2, 4-12, 39-41, and 43-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as  
3 being anticipated under U.S. Patent No. 6,571,285 to Groath et al. (hereinafter  
4 “Groath”) (*Office Action*, p. 2). Applicants submit that, at least on the basis of the  
5 amendments to independent claims 1 and 39, the claims are in condition for  
6 allowance.

7                   Groath does not show or disclose a response or action when an event  
8 consumer fails to perform its assigned action or actions. By contrast, claim 1 is  
9 amended to recite:

10                   a failure event consumer configured, upon occurrence of a  
11 failure event in which at least a portion of the one or more actions  
12 are not performed by the one or more event consumers, to at least  
13 one of provide notification of the failure event or perform a specific  
14 action.

15 Similarly, claim 39 is amended to recite:

16                   a failure consumer being configured, upon occurrence of a  
17 failure event in which the event consumer fails to execute, to at least  
18 one of provide notification of the failure event or perform a specific  
19 action.

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21                   Respectfully, because Groath does not show or disclose “a failure event  
22 consumer”, as recited in claim 1, or a “failure consumer” as recited in claim 39.  
23 Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 1 and 39 put these claims in  
24 condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully requests that the §102  
25 rejection be withdrawn.

1 Claims 2 and 4-12 are allowable by virtue of their dependency upon  
2 independent claim 1. Similarly, claims 40-41 and 43-44 are allowable by virtue of  
3 their dependency upon independent claim 39.  
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5 **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

6 **A.** Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over  
7 Groath in view of a document entitled "Windows NT Event Logging" by Murray  
8 (hereinafter, "Murray") (*Office Action*, p. 8).

9 **B.** Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over  
10 Groath in view of an article entitled "Network PC System Design Guidelines"  
11 (hereinafter, "Network article") (*Office Action*, p. 9).  
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13 Claim 3 is allowable by virtue of its dependency upon claim 1 which is  
14 allowable over Groath for at least the reasons described above in response to the  
15 rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Claim 3 is also allowable over the  
16 Groath-Murray combination because Murray does not address the deficiencies of  
17 Groath as described above in the response to the rejection of claim 1.  
18 Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

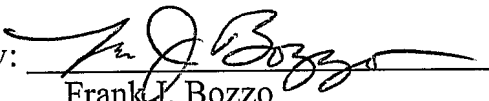
19 Claim 42 is allowable by virtue of its dependency upon claim 39 which is  
20 allowable over Groath for at least the reasons described above in response to the  
21 rejection of claim 39. Claim 42 is also allowable over the Groath-Network article  
22 combination because the Network article does not address the deficiencies of  
23 Groath as described above in the response to the rejection of claim 39.  
24 Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.  
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1        **Conclusion**

2        Applicants submit that, for the reasons provided above, the pending claims  
3        are in condition for allowance. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved,  
4        the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the  
5        Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

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